

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT
CITY OF GRAPEVINE**

The Grapevine Heritage Foundation (GHF) Advisory Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2nd Floor Boardroom, 636 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051 for their regular scheduled monthly meeting.

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| Curtis Ratliff | Chairman |
| Melva Stanfield | Vice Chairman |
| Balla Wright | Treasurer |
| Janet Perkins | Secretary |
| Sue Franks | Member |
| Courtney Fray | Member |
| Becky Hummer | Member |
| Frances Jensen | Member |
| Pat Stinson | Member |
| Mike Lease | City Council Liaison |

The above constituting a quorum with no member(s) absent.

With the following city staff present:

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| Paula Newman | Managing Director of Administration & Operations, Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| David Klempin | Heritage Preservation Programs Manager |
| Mary Bush | Administrative |

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curtis Ratliff called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and thanked all for attending.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lemoine Wright, 213 East College Street

Any person who is not scheduled on the agenda may address the Historic Preservation Commission under Citizen Comments by completing a Citizen Appearance Request form. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Advisory Board is restricted in discussing or taking action during Citizen Comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Balla Wright made the motion to accept the minutes as written from the January 16, 2019 meeting. Becky Hummer seconded the motion, which prevailed in the following vote:

Ayes: All (Ratliff, Stanfield, Wright, Perkins, Franks, Fray, Hummer, Jensen and Stinson)

Nays: None

Absent: None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Janet Perkins reported membership at 224 active members and \$1,500 in donations.

Vice Chairman Melva Stanfield said Farm Manager Cody Jolliff was vacationing in Iceland and he thanked all for the *Skill & Trades Exposition* with a total of 150 people; 47 presenters and 35 educators. For the month of February, 40 attended the *First Friday* "Desserts" program; 30 participated in the *Valentine Candy Making Workshop*; the Dallas Tres Estrellas tour had a total of 97 students; and thus far, for February a total of 137 on their own daily visitors.

David Klempin reported on the *Skills & Trades Exposition* winter conference focusing on the "Calico Ball" on Saturday evening. He complimented the success of the evening with Mayor Tate's welcoming speech and the attendees all dressed from 1880 – 1910 with men in their appropriate military uniforms and the ladies with their hoop skirts; all rallied in support as each nation's and state's flag was marched into the Grand Hall as the ball began. The 16-piece brass band, and providing a great dance instructor, kept all dancing the heritage dance steps of the past. He thanked the board for their service in so many areas of the conference.

Treasurer Balla Wright said sponsorships were now at \$15,500 of her goal of \$17,500.

*Vice Chairman Melva Stanfield agreed to sponsor a Farm Supper; followed by

*Board Member Patricia Stinson who also agreed to a sponsorship.

Managing Director Paula Newman reported the Palace Arts Center had 25 events in January with 2,639 people and revenue of \$40,000. Thirteen new events were booked in January including the Texas Tenors, Ricki Derek, Kraig Parker, Grapevine Opry and movies booked for December shows. During Spring Break, movies will be shown at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to bring more people to Main Street and the Palace will be offering additional Summer Blast activities. The search continues for a new Palace Arts Center manager, Rusty Hernandez and Megan Matthews have done a great job of managing during the interim.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Preservation Programs Manager David Klempin updated the group on the April 13, 2019 *Spring Into Nash* event noting it would be during the same time as *Day Out with Thomas* and *New Vintage Blessing of the Vines & Wine and Gallery Trail* thanking Paula Newman for working to coordinate staff to cover the multiple events. The *Spring Into Nash* (SPIN) event will celebrate the 150th birthday of the Nash Farmhouse; many activities will be the same as last year's SPIN, but with more emphasis on building skills and trades. Living history presenters will be actively using heritage skills featuring family carpentry tasks; concessions will be available in the Pole Barn with chicken noodle soup and hot rolls with Vice Chairman Stanfield responsible for concessions and Treasurer Wright responsible for farmhouse tours, both had their help scheduled.

Sue Franks asked if the Farm activities would be promoted by TEXRail and if they could have a marquee on the platform there, Chairman Ratliff added they do have pre-recorded verbal announcements now. Paula Newman said they are in meetings with TEXRail regarding signage and directional sandwich boards to museum areas and directional information have been placed. Council Liaison Mike Lease added, our tax dollars paid for this area.

Managing Director Newman updated the group on the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board's aid in acquiring the Ruby Moore House, at 619 Church Street, for expansion of the Ted R. Ware Plaza & Museum Complex. This acquisition would allow static exhibit space to tell the stories of the Sister Cities program; and group tours on Main Street and in the museums. The St. Patrick's Sales Mission will be March 14, 15 and 16 in New York City to promote Grapevine's hotels and attractions. The Lone Star Café has opened at 1300 South Main Street in the previous Braum's building; and the UK Peppa Pig World at Play has opened at Grapevine Mills Mall with the reviews saying better than the one other location in Shanghai.

The Grapevine Heritage Foundation's Preservation Advocacy Award nominations are due by March 29 for the 2019 Awards Ceremony at the May 7, 2019 City Council meeting.

The November 2nd Candlelight Tour of Homes has secured the business location for the 2019 tour. The committee will meet at the end of March upon Vice Chairman Stanfield's return.

ADJOURNMENT

Melva Stanfield, seconded by Balla Wright, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: All (Ratliff, Stanfield, Wright, Perkins, Franks, Fray, Hummer, Jensen and Stinson)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman Ratliff called for a meeting of the Executive Committee to follow this meeting.

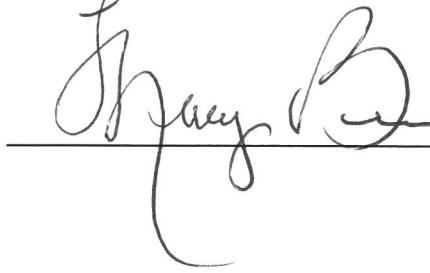
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, THE
FEBRUARY 20, 2019 MINUTES, ON THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2019.

APPROVED:

 CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

 SECRETARY